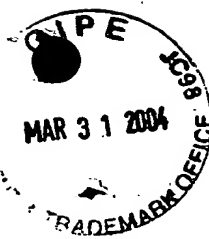


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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 1, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, Claims 1-8 and 12 (Group I, directed to a decoding unit for decoding a turbo-code sequence) for examination on the merits in the present Application. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims. An early and favorable examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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